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PART II - MISCELLANEOUS NOTIFICATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS Etc.,

COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE GUNTUR

Rc.No.90/2024/C4(REVGNT-CSECOVCIN(VER)/ 18/2023-SA(C4)COLGNT). Dated: 25.01.2025.

CASTE STATUS VERIFICATION - GUNTUR DISTRICT - GUNTUR EAST MANDAL - GUNTUR TOWN - COMPLAINT FILED BY Sri MARNENI SRIKANTH S/o JOSEPH AGAINST Sri KATIKI VENKATESWARLU, KATIKI LEELA KRISHNA AND Sri KATIKI DILEEP BEFORE THE HON'BLE AP LOKAYUKTA - MATTER PLACED BEFORE THE DLSC - DLSC RECOMMENDED FOR CANCELLATION OF CASTE CERTIFICATES.

- Read:
- 1. Lr.Dis No. 214/2023/B2/LOK/1819/2023, dt. 15.02.2023 of the Deputy Registrar, Hon'ble Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh, Santhosh Nagar, Kurnool.
- 2. This Office Rc.No. 348621/2023/C4, dt.23.03.2023 and 04.04.2023 addressed to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur and the District Backward Classes Weifare & Empowerment Officer, Guntur.
- 3. RC.No.A3/40/2022, dt.12.04.2023 of the DBCW & EO, Guntur.
- 4. Rc.No.712/2023-B, dt.26.07.2024 of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur.
- 5. This Office RC.No.90/2024/C4, dt.20.09.2024 addressed to the Tahsildar, Guntur East Mandal.
- 6. Rc.F/827/2024, dt.17.10.2024 of the Sub Collector, Markapur, Prakasam District.

- 7. RC.No.159/2024-C, dt.04.11.2024 of the Tahsildar, Guntur East Mandal.
- 8. Findings of the District Level Scrutiny Committee dt.02.12.2024.
- 9. This office Notice dt.21.12.2024, 20.01.2025 addressed to the complainant and the respondent.

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ORDER:-

The Hon'ble Institution of AP Lokayukta has directed to inquire into the complaint filed by Sri Marneni Srikanth S/o Joseph, resident of Brahmanakoduru Village of Ponnur Mandal, wherein the complainant alleged that Sri Katika Venkateswarlu, Sri Katika Leela krishna and Sri Katika Dileep, residents of Annapurna Nagar of Gorantla Village of Guntur East Mandal belong to Balija (OC) caste, but they fraudulently obtained Perika Balija (BC-B) caste certificates, hence requested to cancel the BC caste certificates fraudulently obtained by the said three individuals.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur to whom the matter was referred has submitted that the Tahsildar, Guntur East has reported in this regard that

- On enquiry it is revealed that Sri.K.Venkateswarlu, K.Dilep and K Leela Krishna are residing at D.No.11-634, 2nd line, Annapurna Nagar Gorantla Village of Guntur East Mandal.
- During the enquiry they informed that, by caste they belong to Hindu Perika Balija (BC)
 and produced the caste certificates issued by the then Tahsildars, Guntur as detailed
 below.

SI.	Name	Caste	Certificate No	Issued date
No.				
1.	Katiki Venkateswarlu	Perika Balija (BC)	Manual Certificate	10.08.1996
2.	Katika Dileep	Perika (BC-B)	CGC011608336220	07.05.2016
3.	Katika Leela Krishna	Perika (BC-B)	CGC011506865251	16.10.2015

- The above individuals refused to give written statements regarding their caste and produced copies of the above caste certificates and refused to produce any other documents like T.C etc., pertaining to their academic study. Therefore the enquiry officer proposed to refer the matter to the District Level Scrutiny Committee for finalizing their caste status.
- Due to non cooperation of the above individuals and neighbors of the family for enquiry,
 the Tahsidar, Guntur East enquired at concerned Ward Secretariat regarding their caste
 status by using available online portal and noticed that, the online records were updated
 as Sri K. Venkateswarulu, K.Dilip and K.Leela Krishna belongs to BC and not mentioned
 any sub caste.

Due to non cooperation of Sri. K. Venkateswarlu, K. Dilip and K. Leela Krishna, for enquiry
and non production of other records pertaining to their caste, it is not possible to
confirm the caste status of the above individuals and this matter may be placed before
the District Level Scrutiny Committee, for finalization of the caste status of the
individuals.

Finally, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur recommended to place the matter before the District Level Scrutiny Committee (DLSC) for finalization and confirmation of their caste status.

Subsequently, as per the orders of the Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur the matter was placed before the DLSC. The DLSC under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector issued notice on 21.08.2024 and 02.09.2024 to the Complainant and respondents to attend before the DLSC for enquiry. Accordingly the Complainant and respondents attended for the enquiry and filed their contentions as follows:

Sri Katiki Leela krishna, one of the respondents on behalf of all the respondents filed a detailed explanation stating that

- His father by name Katiki Venkateswarlu is a daily labour, born in "Perika Balija" caste and native of Guntur, later he married to his mother Yammani V Subba Lakshmi D/o Y Nasaraiah, in the year 1995 who belongs to setti Balija community of Prakasam District working in District Court as attender.
- His father got issued a caste certificate as "Perika Balija (BC)" and also a certificate of residence by the Mandal Revenue Officer, Guntur on 10.08.1996.
- As an elder son of Sri Katiki Venkateswarlu he inherited his caste and same applied to his brother Katiki Dileep, hence they also belong to "Perika Balija (BC)".
- His caste was mentioned in his school and college certificates including the transfer certificate as "Perika Balija (BC)".
- He and his brother also obtained caste certificate as "Perika Balija" (BC) on different instances from the MRO concerned.
- The complainant having malafide intention made a false allegation that they do not belong to Perika Balija (BC-B).

Sri Marneni Srikanth, the complainant reiterated his allegation that Sri Katiki Venkateswarlu hailed from Tripuranthakam Mandal of Prakasam District and the families with surname 'Katiki' belong to Balija (OC) but not (BC-B) caste. Further, the complainant submitted the information obtained under RTI Act from the MPDO, Tripuranthakam, wherein it is stated that the families residing at Gollapalli Village of Tripuranthakam Mandal with surname 'Katiki' belong to Balija (OC) caste.

In view of the rival contentions made by the complainant and the respondents, the DLSC decided to call for the report from the Sub Collector, Markapuram and the Tahsildar, Guntur East in the matter.

The Sub Collector, Markapur submitted a report stating that Sri Katiki Venkateswarlu migrated to Guntur from Gollapalli Village of Tripuranthakam Mandal about 30 years back and the families with surname 'Katiki' belong to Balija (OC) and their caste also got recorded as Balija(OC) as such in their school certificates and caste certificates were also issued to them accordingly.

The Tahsildar, Guntur East submitted his report stating that a search has been made in the office of the Guntur West to trace the file/records pertaining to issue of caste certificates issued to the three individuals but the old files were damaged beyond recognition and hence the information pertaining to the caste certificates issued to Sri Katiki Venkateswarlu in the year 1996 could not be traced. With regard to the caste certificates issued to Sri Katiki Leela Krishna and Sri Katiki Dileep in the years 2015 and 2016, the Tahsildar, Guntur West submitted a report that the said two individuals filed their applications through online in Meeseva portal but it is found that the online server data not available and not fetching and hence the connected records could not be found.

The DLSC thoroughly examined the contents of the complaint petition, the reports submitted by the RDO, Guntur and the Tahsildar, Guntur East and the report received from the Sub Collector, Markapur and gone through the recorded evidence filed by the complainants and the defense statements filed by the respondents and came to a conclusion that Sri Katiki Venkateswarlu who was native of Gollapalli Village of Tripuranthakam Mandal of Prakasam District belongs to Balija caste which comes under OC category, but he obtained caste certificate as belonging to Perika Balija (BC), dt. 10.08.1996 from the Tahsildar, Guntur, subsequently his elder son Sri Katika Leela krishna obtained "Perika" caste certificate vide Meeseva Application No.CGC011506865251, dt.16.10.2015 and the second son Sri Katika Dileep obtained "Perika" caste certificate vide Meeseva Application No.CGC011608336220, dt.07.05.2016 from the Tahsildar, Guntur. Therefore the caste certificates obtained by Sri Katika Venkateswarlu, Sri Katika Leela krishna and Sri Katika Dileep are liable for cancellation.

The findings of the DLSC were accordingly submitted to the District Collector recommending for cancellation of the caste certificates obtained by Sri Katika Venkateswarlu, Sri Katika Leela krishna and Sri Katika Dileep.

Agreeing with the recommendations of the DLSC, a notice on 21.12.2024 and a final notice on 21.01.2025 were issued to the complainant and the respondents to file any objections on the recommendations of the DLSC.

Despite giving ample opportunity, the respondents failed to attend for hearing and failed to produce any evidence in support of their claim. Therefore it is construed that the respondents obtained perika (BC-B) caste certificates irregularly though they belong to Balija (OC). Accordingly the recommendation made by the DLSC is confirmed.

In view of the above, I, Nagalakshmi.S, I.A.S., the Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur in exercise of the powers conferred U/s.5(1) of the A.P.(SC., ST., & B.C.) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificate Act 16 of 1993, read with rule 9(7) of A.P.(S.C., S.T. & B.C.) Issue of Community, Nativity & Date of Birth Certificate Rules 1977, communicated vide G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare (J) Dept., dt.12.5.1997 do hereby cancel all the "perika(BC-B)" caste certificates and all Other Backward Classes (OBC) certificates issued to Sri Katika Venkateswarlu, Sri Katika Leela krishna and Sri Katika Dileep by the Tahsildar, Guntur along with the following certificates noticed in the course of enquiry.

- 1. Perika Balija (BC) caste certificate, dt.10.08.1996 issued to Sri Katiki Venkateswarlu S/o Venkataiah by the Mandal Revenue Officer, Guntur.
- Perika (BC-B) caste certificate issued vide Meeseva Certificate No.AP0240083817(Application No.CGC011506865251), dt.16.10.2015 and the OBC vide Meeseva Certificate No. AP1807813767(Application certificate No.OBC011901874972), dt.16.06.2019 to Sri Katiki Leela Krishna S/o Venkateswarlu by the Tahsildar, Guntur.
- caste certificate issued vide Meeseva Certificate 3. Perika (BC-B) No.AP0300751153(Application No,CGC011608336220), dt.07.05.2016 OBC certificate Meeseva Certificate AP0356200985(Application issued vide No. No.OBC011600750348), dt.21.06.2016 to Sri Katiki Dileep S/o Venkateswarlu by the Tahsildar, Guntur.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur is requested to initiate suitable penal action as per provisions of law against Sri Katika Venkateswarlu, Sri Katika Leela krishna and Sri Katika Dileep for obtaining the caste certificates fraudulently by suppressing the facts.

A notification to this effect shall be published in the A.P.State Gazette.

An appeal against this order lies to the Government within 30 days from the date of publication of this order in the AP State Gazette.

NAGALAKSHMI. S,

Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur.

To

- 1. Sri Katiki Venkateswarlu, S/o Venkataiah, D.No.126-2-143, 6th Line Annapurna Nagar,Gorantia, Guntur East Mandal.
- 2. Sri Katiki Leela Krishna, S/o Venkateswarlu, D.No.126-2-143,6th Line Annapurna Nagar, Gorantla, Guntur East Mandal, Guntur District.
- 3. Sri Katiki Dilip, S/o Venkateswarlu, D.No.126-2-143, 6th Line Annapurna Nagar, Gorantla, Guntur East Mandal.
- 4. Sri Marneni Srikanth S/o Joseph, D.No.5-37, Brahmanakoduru Village, Ponnur Mandal, Guntur District.
- 5. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur for taking necessary action.
- 6. The Tahsildar, Guntur East for taking necessary action

NOTIFICATION

In view of the recommendations of the District Level Scrutiny Committee and in exercise of powers conferred under section 5 (1) of the A.P. (SC, ST & BCs) Regulation of Issue of community certificates Act 16 of 1993 r/w Sub-Rule (7) of Rule 9 of A.P. (SC, ST & BCs) issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate Rules, 1997 communicated vide G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare (J) Department, Dt: 12-5-1997, I, Naglakshmi.S, I.A.S., Collector and District Magistrate, Guntur do hereby cancel all the "perika(BC-B)" caste certificates and all Other Backward Classes (OBC) certificates issued to Sri Katika Venkateswarlu, Sri Katika Leela krishna and Sri Katika Dileep by the Tahsildar, Guntur along with the following certificates noticed in the course of enquiry.

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3. Perika (BC-B) caste certificate vide issued Certificate Meeseva No.AP0300751153(Application No,CGC011608336220), dt.07.05.2016 **OBC** and certificate issued vide Meeseva Certificate No. AP0356200985(Application No.OBC011600750348), dt.21.06.2016 to Sri Katiki Dileep S/o Venkateswarlu by the Tahsildar, Guntur.

A notification to this effect shall be published in the A.P.State Gazette.

NAGALAKSHMI. S,

Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur.

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